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SENATOR PRICE: Senator Cudaback and members of the body, this bill amends the Nebraska Cosmetology Act. It establishes separate licensing for estheticians instructors and esthetician schools, another new word for the body, but not as difficult as Senator Erdman's. The term "esthetician" means skin care, esthetician. Existing law provides for licensing of practitioners and instruction of cosmetology, electrolysis and nail technology. Estheticians, skin care people, and their instructors are also required to be licensed. However, their licensing falls within the realm of cosmetology. Although current law requires it, you really don't need the full ranges of skills for a cosmetologist's license to be an esthetician because they only deal with skin care. Because cosmetology deals mainly with things like cutting hair, giving permanents, coloring hair, nails, and so forth, why should a person, an esthetician, have to take so many hours for a license? In order to teach esthetics, a person must complete, and here's some hours: 2,100 hours of cosmetology, 600 hours of esthetics, 925 hours of cosmetology instructor training. This totals 30 to 36 months of time and 3 licensure exams. Under this bill, LB 241 as amended by the committee, an esthetician instructor would have to receive 300 hours of instructor training to qualify for their license. So in other words, instead of 300 and...3,625 hours of study, you would only need 900 hours; that's 600 hours for the practitioner's license and 300 hours for the instructor's license. This bill would also allow an esthetic school to be separate from a cosmetology school, two different locations for two different purposes. Esthetic schools would be treated the same as schools of electrolysis and nail technology, and this would mean there would be one more representative serving on the cosmetology board. I would be pleased to answer questions as they would arise.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 241.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have both a committee amendment and then an amendment to the committee amendment. The committee amendment, AM0330, amends the definition of esthetics in Section 9 of the